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PLEASE PASS ARTHUR PARDEE, JR., NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: TPHY, USIRJC  
SUBJECT: US-IRAN COOPERATION IN ARID-LANDS SCIENCE

1. DR. DAHMAN PARSA, DEPUTY MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION AND CO-CHAIRMAN OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF USIRJC, HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY TO LOOK INTO NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION FAILURE TO RESPOND TO HIS LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 11 TO ARTHUR PARDEE. LETTER, SENT BY INTERNATIONAL POST, WAS RESPONSE TO PARDEE LETTER OF JUNE 13 WHICH OFFERED SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITIES CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ARID-LAND SCIENCE, UNDER AEGIS OF USIRJC. AS ORIGINAL MAY NEVER HAVE REACHED NSF, COMPLETE TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 13, 1977, REGARDING FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITIES CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ARID-LAND SCIENCE, UNDER THE U.S.-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION.

3. QUOTE. IT WAS WITH PLEASURE THAT WE READ ABOUT YOUR  
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SUGGESTION ON HOLDING A JOINT-WORKSHOP ON ARID LANDS SCIENCES IN TEHRAN. YOUR PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED IN OUR NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ARID LANDS STUDIES AND IN VIEW OF YOUR SUGGESTIONS THE FOLLOWING OUTLINES WERE CONFIRMED FOR THE POSSIBLE THEMES IN OUR WORK SHOP. WE ARE READY TO PRESENT PAPERS IN ALL OF THESE TOPICS.

1 - HYDROLOGY AND HYDROGEOLOGY AND ARID LANDS  
WITH EMPHASIS ON GROUND WATER RESOURCES.  
2 - USE OF SAND SOIL FOR THE SAND LIME BREAK  
PRODUCTION.  
3 - SAND DUNE FIXATION METHODS.  
4 - CLIMATOLOGY OF ARID LANDS.  
5 - VEGETATION.  
6 - DESERTIFICATION PROBLEMS.  
7 - SOIL SALINITY SOIL RECLAMATION AND IRRIGATION  
TECHNIQUES.  
8 - SOIL STUDIES AND ERROSION CONTROL.  
9 - ZOOLOGY WITH EMPHASIS ON WILD LIFE ECOLOGY.  
10 - POSSIBILITY OF USE OF NONCOMMENTIONAL  
MEANS OF ENERGY RESOURCDS IS ARID LANDS.

4. QUOTE. THE EARLY PART OR THE MIDDLE PART OF 1978  
WOULD BE MOST SUITABLE TO HOLD THE WORKSHOP IN TEHRAN.

5. QUOTE. WE ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH YOUR PROPOSAL AND WE  
ARE GRATEFUL TO NSF FOR CONTRIBUTING \$25,000 AND WE WILL  
BE PLEASED TO ASSIST IN OTHER EXPENDITURES.

6. QUOTE. WISHING YOU SUCCESS IN ALL YOUR FUTURE  
UNDERTAKINGS.

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/S/ BAHMAN PARSA

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7. NSF MAY RESPOND TO PARSA THROUGH EMBASSY.  
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